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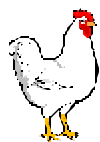
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week are trending lower in the East with a barely steady to weak market tone; all other areas were generally steady at unchanged prices. Retail demand was light to fair, and food service was fair to good, best for fast food promotions. Buying activity in the East slowed due to adverse weather conditions, but other areas were optimistic about first of the month because of planned features and promotions. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate with heavier sizes often long in the West. In the parts structure, breast items were sufficient to close and moving. Dark meat was well balanced to closely cleared aided by export interest, and wings were more available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 31-JAN-2005 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A (Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	63.00-66.00	58.00-75.00	66.14	27
New York	68.00-71.00			
Los Angeles	80.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	72.00-75.00	58.00-77.00	73.51	90
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 73.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
995	69.57-75.75	73.65

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	166.50	1,230
BREASTS - B/S	160.00	5,776
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.50	1,311
THIGH MEAT - B/S	91.50	1,056
LEG QUARTERS	31.50	7,109
WINGS	121.50	3,013

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices on next weeks' deliveries were unchanged into the Chicago market area. Whole bird/wog offerings were noted as increased on steady market tone. Most outlets noted demand no better than fair; although some fast food demand was improved, moderate to instances good. Businesses were hopeful of capturing increased consumer dollars through upcoming first of the month retail ads and food service promotions. Floor stocks and weights were manageable and generally adequate. Supplies of parts were available, but in close balance for the light to moderate trade interest. The trade sentiment remained steady on dark cuts and wings, undertone mixed; steady to firm on breasts.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand entering the weekend was light to moderate with optimism for next week's first of the month business. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was moderate to good. Breast items were close balanced to tight and continued to move strong. Wings were available, and dark meat was in balance to well cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers ranged light to no better than fair as adverse weather conditions continued to hamper several areas in the Northeast. Offerings were fully adequate to ample and competitively priced in some instances. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items and dark meat cuts were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were at least adequate.

WESTERN The preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Trading reported for next week's deliveries at unchanged prices overall. Offerings adequate to fully adequate with sized product in the best position. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good; best to cover features in progress. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Trade sentiment was firm on breast and steady to fully steady on balance of parts.

Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated):

ARIZONA - Arizona - whole body 79-99, whole cut-up 99, boneless breast 299-399, boneless breast tenders 4# bag IQF 899, split breast 149-249, leg quarters 79- 159 and 10# bag 370, thigh 79-159, drumstick 79-159, ground chicken 20 ounce 349;

COLORADO - Colorado - whole cut-up 149, boneless breast 299, boneless breast marinated 399, boneless breast fillets 299, boneless breast 3# bag IQF 899, split breast 149-239, party wings 3-4# bag 599, ground chicken 349, (deli food service - fried 8 piece mixed 499, breast strips 599, breast tenders 499);

IDAHO - Idaho - boneless breast 299, boneless breast tenders 3# bag IQF 596 and 4# bag IQF 899, party wings 4# bag IQF 499, split breast 149, (deli food service - fried 8 piece mix 499);

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA - Northern California - whole body 109, whole body free range 179, whole body with head and feet on 148, whole cut-up 149, boneless breast 269-499 and 5# bag IQF 799, split breast 189-259, thigh 99-149, drumstick 99-149, (deli food service - fried 8 piece mix 499);

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA - Southern California - whole body 67-99, roaster 149, boneless breast 177-499 and 2.5# bag IQF 799, boneless breast fillets or tenders 399, marinated boneless breast 247, boneless thigh meat 199, boneless leg meat 88-129, split breast 97-199, leg quarter 77-79 and 10# bag 390-490, seasoned leg quarter 89, combo drumstick and thigh 77, combo split breast/leg quarter/thigh 118, thigh 99-149 and 4# bag 300, drumstick 99-149 and 4# bag 300, (deli food service - fried 8 piece mixed 499-699, zesty wings 349, rotisserie 498 each).

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was spotty. Adverse weather conditions had slowed activity greatly into several inner city areas, but was better than expected at other points. Offerings were readily available and competitively priced to stimulate additional activity. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied. Processor schedules were mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 70 to 84 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items continued to clear satisfactorily. Thighs were well balanced to closely cleared. Wings were at least adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	65-90
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	74.10
NO. OF BOXES	6,742
CUMULATIVE	74.57
	01/24/05-01/28/05
	01/26/04-01/30/04
NO. OF BOXES	77.87
	01/24/05-01/28/05
	01/26/04-01/30/04
	40,435
	34,157

JAN 27

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JAN 28

ITEM	POUNDS				WTD	POUNDS				WTD	WEEKLY
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	592	155.00-245.00	160-164	166.63		545	159.00-166.00	160-165	161.94	3,098	161.98
TENDERLOINS	168	118.00-170.00	125-129	127.92		248	120.00-170.00	126-131	127.50	1,059	126.17
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT				123	82.00-94.00	89-91	89.64	473	83.35
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT			270	72.98
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT			291	38.88
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	510	26.00-31.00	27-28	27.62		511	26.00-31.00	27-28	27.71	2,594	27.60
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,115	27.00-35.00	29	29.41		988	28.00-32.00	29-30	29.34	6,957	29.21
WINGS (WHOLE)	305	119.00-125.00	119-123	122.02		275	115.00-125.00	120-124	121.82	1,475	121.13
WINGS (CUT)	560	134.00-140.00	134-136	135.88		552	130.00-140.00	131-134	133.43	3,222	135.74
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT			328	45.54
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT			133	45.14
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT			400	92.40

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS						WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					
TRADING FOR JAN 27, 2005 F.O.B. DOCK.						TRADING FOR JAN 28, 2005 F.O.B. DOCK.					

RANGE**TODAY'S AVERAGE****RANGE****TODAY'S AVERAGE****5-DAY AVERAGE**

48.00 - 54.00

51.04

49.00 - 55.00

51.58

50.32

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity was fair to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items were sufficient for current trade needs. Dark meat cuts were clearing satisfactorily with some export interest noted. Wings were at least adequate. Movement through retail channels was at least moderate to good. Distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was at least steady on breast items; steady to fully steady on dark meat cuts.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

JAN 28, 2005

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	WEEKLY
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		
BREAST - B/S	165-170	156.21	726,360		165-170	158.14	708,920	153.33	3,606,995
TENDERLOINS	125-130	121.27	126,730		125-130	121.61	186,560	120.73	784,250
BREAST - WITH RIBS	87-88	92.53	114,320		87-88	94.28	103,880	90.83	548,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	87	92.41	85,000		87	91.08	104,800	88.76	606,720
LEGS	44-45	42.17	416,600		44-45	43.52	313,400	42.28	1,677,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	29.71	409,601		29-30	30.22	201,720	30.34	1,704,590
DRUMSTICKS	30-31	36.56	96,880		30-31	36.29	122,460	36.32	665,360
THIGHS	37-38	42.06	67,360		37-38	46.12	71,320	44.05	331,760
B/S THIGHS	94-95	88.39	61,640		94-95	90.01	96,400	88.80	388,700
WINGS (WHOLE)	115-116	128.32	133,400		115-116	128.14	156,160	125.86	689,480
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.95	22,120		10-12	11.60	28,080	11.77	145,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	31.31	12,080		30-35	35.01	4,600	30.95	69,920
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.24	17,640		60-65	65.20	12,360	64.10	111,560

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	(1,000)		(1,000)				(1,000)			
	01/28	01/27	01/26	01/25	01/26	01/25	01/21	01/19		
Alabama	3,978	3,977	3,944	3,873	5.22	5.32	4,455	5.42		
Arkansas	4,880	5,290	4,779	5,108	5.10	5.09	4,886	5.00		
Delmarva	2,174	2,213	2,233	2,193	5.56	5.63	2,422	5.68		
KY-LA-TN	2,147	2,176	2,165	2,126	5.19	5.08	2,270	5.11		
Mississippi	3,027	2,925	2,797	2,863	5.53	5.47	3,375	5.68		
North Carolina	2,846	2,470	2,394	2,461	6.49	6.52	3,797	6.56		
Texas	2,509	2,447	2,461	2,248	5.32	5.49	2,378	5.51		
Total	21,561	21,498	20,773	20,872	5.43	5.45	23,583	5.50		
Mon-Fri	106,819(A)						101,511 (A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Jan-05 and 29-Jan-05 is estimated to be 32,258,000 head down 8.85 percent from a week ago and down -9.16 percent from a year ago. (Last week 35,389,000, last year 35,510,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 29-Jan-05 is estimated to be 155,449,000 head up 4.03 percent from a week ago, and up 3.03 percent from a year ago. (Last week 149,431,000, last year 150,873,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	63-71
DUCKS	
RABBITS WHOLE	
CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 103-105
	DRY PACK 103-108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 108-111
	DRY PACK 111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 89-93
	DRY PACK 89-95
DUCKS	175-192

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 15-Jan-05 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/
Food service
4.20 Lbs. & down (B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs. (C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs. & Up

	(A) Fast food/ Food service 4.20 Lbs. & down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs.	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs. & Up
Head	23,130	21,664	42,602
Avg Weight	3.58	4.73	6.43
% of total /1	26%	25%	49%

Comparisons

Last week	26,283	19,205	49,048
Avg Weight	3.81	4.74	6.42
% of total /1	28%	20%	52%

Same week, yr ago /2	20,621	18,011	36,688
Avg Weight	3.76	4.78	6.16
% of total /1	27%	24%	49%

To date/2004	49,413	40,869	91,650
To date/2003	40,247	38,324	76,572

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 22-Jan-05	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	149,431	1,451	1,205	2,656	493
Avg Wt	5.33	3.20	8.11	5.43	6.69
Last week	159,418	1,625	1,219	2,844	516
Same wk yr ago	147,528	1,429	1,228	2,657	489
Avg Wt	5.24	3.41	7.94	5.50	6.97
To-date/2005	469,112	4,547	3,907	8,454	1,559
To-date/2004	463,841	4,213	3,818	8,031	1,342

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 161.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 151.2 million head, or 10.3 million less than estimated available.

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - JANUARY 25, 2005 PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.45	Leghorn Hens	.35 - .40ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.25 - .30	Geese 9-14 LBS	.75 - .80
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.40 - .50	Pigeons	3.10 - 3.20ea.
Crossbred		Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.30 - 1.40
Roosters 4-6 LBS	1.30 - 1.40	Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.10 - 1.20
Guinea Fowl	1.50 - 1.70	Bunnies	1.50 - 2.50ea.
Banty Roosters	4.00 - 4.75ea.	Guinea Pigs	.01 - .05ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 2.25ea.	Total Coops Sold	170

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 24-JANUARY-2005

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	143-145	149-151
MIDWEST MOSTLY	127-131	128-133

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	65.00-74.00	70.00-74.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	69.00-86.00	76.00-80.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-71.28
14 OZ.	66.96-77.92
16 OZ.	73.44-86.67

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,VV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady. Demand was good to very good. Supplies were adequate to at times close for current needs. Schedules full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.50, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 24-JANUARY-2005

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-134	118-139
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
December 18	161.2	154.3	104%	5.22
25	126.6	152.1	83%	5.27
January 1	139.3	152.6	91%	5.33
8	162.2	154.9	105%	5.35
15	161.4	158.8	102%	5.25
22	151.2	161.5	94%	5.33
Year to date	474.8	475.2	100%	
January 29		162.4		
February 5		162.5		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	01/29/05	01/22/05	% CHG	01/31/04	% CHG
Broilers	155,449	149,431*	+4.03	150,873*	+3.03
Cattle	589	587	0	599*	-02
Hogs	1,986	1,993	0	1,897*	+05

*ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for both light and heavy canners with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Offerings were mostly adequate to about adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Processing schedules were less than normal. The undertone was generally steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
28-32 MAJORITY 28-30	TOO FEW TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
29-34 MAJORITY 30-34	TOO FEW TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand was fair to at least moderate with offerings of spent hens fully sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were less than normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4-9	6 -8

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Disposal values were too few to report. Demand was light for adequate slaughter stocks. Schedules were less than capacity. Finished sales were slow. Costs for processing were expected to remain steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices ranged unchanged. Demand was fair to fairly good while offerings continued adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-7	5-6

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 31-JAN-05

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was mostly moderate for the generally adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product were generally sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was steady to at least steady.

RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were less than capacity. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked moderate schedules. Offerings adequate.

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